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Identical letters dated 31 December 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of he Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report for 31 December 2002 on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Report on the activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq

Report on activities for Tuesday, 31 December 2002

I. IAEA inspection team

A team of six inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0905 hours, and at 0935 hours it arrived at the Ibn Yunis Centre, which is a subsidiary of the Sa'd State Enterprise belonging to the Military Industrialization Corporation and which is located 15 kilometres south of Baghdad. The Ibn Yunis Centre specializes in mechanical engineering design, and the UNMOVIC inspection team had already visited it on 28 December 2002. Upon arrival, the team met with the manager of the centre and the representative for liaison with the National Monitoring Directorate and asked about the centre's activities, budget and purchases and the contracts implemented. The team also asked about the number of engineers and the number of individuals holding advanced degrees in the centre. The team then inspected all the centre's administrative and technical buildings and photographed them inside and out. The team completed its assignment at 1225 hours and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1245 hours.

II. UNMOVIC biological inspection team

1. One group consisting of 13 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0845 hours, and at 0855 hours it arrived at the National Centre for Pharmaceutical Control and Research belonging to the Ministry of Health and located in Andalus Square in Baghdad. Upon arrival, the group interviewed the manager of the chemical branch and asked about the centre's activities, the types of drugs analysed, the centre's administrative structure and any changes that had occurred in it over the past four years. The group then interviewed the manager of the centre and asked him about the overall activity, the number of staff and the modes of financing of the centre. Then the group checked the tagged equipment and inspected all the centre's buildings and also asked about the activity of the laboratories belonging to it. The group completed its assignment at 1150 hours and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1205 hours.

2. A second group, consisting of 11 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0845 hours, and at 0912 hours it arrived at the Ibn Sina Research Centre belonging to the Ministry of Industry and Mining and located in the Bab al-Mu'azzam district of Baghdad. The group interviewed the centre's manager and asked him about the centre's work, research orientations and relationship with other research centres. The group also discussed in detail the information set forth in the centre's declarations. The group requested a list of the names of the heads of the scientific divisions and the centre's research plan for 2002, as well as the minutes of the meeting of the centre's scientific board. The group completed its assignment at 1050 hours and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1115 hours.

III. UNMOVIC chemical inspection team

1. One team, consisting of 13 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0830 hours, and at 0855 hours it arrived at the Petroleum Research and Development Centre, which comes under the Ministry of Oil and located 15 kilometres east of Baghdad. Upon arrival, the group met with the centre's manager and asked him about the centre's activities, the research under way and changes since 1998. The group also requested a list of the names of consulting academics and the key personnel of the centre holding advanced degrees (master's and doctorates), as well as a list of research completed. The group then inspected the centre's facilities and the laboratories, stores, quality control division and exploration units and also examined the centre's computers. The group completed its assignment at 1320 hours and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1345 hours.

2. A second group, consisting of 14 inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0830 hours, and at 0850 hours it arrived at the Sa'd State Enterprise, which the UNMOVIC chemical inspection team had visited on 29 December 2002. Upon arrival, the group leader proceeded, with an interpreter, directly to the fourth floor of the building and asked about a box containing computer disks which the team had seen on its previous visit. It removed all the data from one of the disks and transferred it to a disk of its own. The data that it removed from the disk consists of the enterprises' monthly progress report. The group then met with the manager of the Zahrawi Centre, which comes under the enterprise, and asked him the date on which he was appointed to the Centre, the university from which he graduated and the degree that he obtained. Then the group interviewed the manager of planning and asked him about the filtration column used in small oil refineries. The group then inspected the Waddah Centre belonging to the enterprise and checked the centre's design files. It also asked for a list of the names of the projects of the centres coming under the Sa'd Enterprise. The group asked about the projects planned by the enterprise, the raw materials and the mode of procurement, and all their questions were answered. The group leader made a tour of inspection that included the party organization's premises in the Sa'd Enterprise building, the training and orientation department and the rooms located in the basement of the building, as well as the party leader's divisional office. The group completed its assignment at 1335 hours and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1400 hours.

IV. UNMOVIC multidisciplinary team (biological, chemical and missile)

The team, consisting of 13 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0830 hours, and at 1010 hours it arrived at the Chemical Corp's Training Centre in the Amiriyah/Fallujah area. The team interviewed the commander of the training centre and asked him about the number of courses given annually, the ranks of the participants, whether there were any special courses, the centre's affiliation, the identity of the director, the types of chemical gases used in training, whether there were instruments to measure the radiation level and whether there were sources of radiation. The team then inspected all the site's facilities and took a sample of smoke rockets. The team completed its assignment at 1315 hours and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1500 hours.

V. UNMOVIC missile inspection team

1. One group, consisting of 10 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0830 hours, and at 0855 hours it arrived at the Man Sur State Enterprise, which comes under the

Military Industrialization Corporation. The group interviewed the manager of the enterprise and asked about the materials produced by it. It then inspected the production workshop and asked about the productive capacity and the consumers of the enterprise's output. The group also checked the tagged equipment and photographed some locations. The group completed its assignment at 1100 hours and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1120 hours.

2. A second group, consisting of five inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0900 hours, and at 0945 hours it arrived at the Ma'mun plant. The purpose of the visit was to witness the casting process for fuel for the Fath engine, the timing of which had been set beforehand. The group asked about the casting stages and the quality tests made on samples taken of the amalgam. The group completed its assignment at 1230 hours and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1315 hours.

VI.

One group from the Baghdad Monitoring and Verification Centre, consisting of 10 persons, visited Mosul today in order to observe the premises selected for them by the Government of the Republic of Iraq in the Nineveh Palace Hotel in Mosul.

VII.

At 6 p.m., a meeting was held between the UNMOVIC aerial team and competent members of the National Monitoring Department and supporting agencies to discuss the first aerial reconnaissance operation to be carried out by an UNMOVIC helicopter on Wednesday, 1 January 2003.

VIII. Remarks

The number of sites inspected by UNMOVIC and IAEA inspection teams totalled eight, and 85 inspectors participated.